Decision No. C04-0177

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-045EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2004-2005 GAS PRICE VOLATILITY MITIGATION PLAN.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Mailed Date: February 18, 2004 Adopted Date: February 18, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On January 28, 2004, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) filed

an application for approval of its 2004-2005 Gas Price Volatility Mitigation Plan for its electric

department. Public Service states that it filed this application pursuant to a requirement in the

April 4, 2003 settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Docket No. 02S-315EG by

Decision No. C03-0670.

2. Staff of the Commission (Staff) timely filed its notice of intervention on

February 17, 2004. Staff raises a number of concerns regarding the application and requests that

the Commission set the application for hearing.

3. On January 5, 2004, the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel timely filed its

notice of intervention.

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4. On February 17, 2004, Public Service filed its Motion to Adopt Agreed Procedural

Schedule, and for Waiver of Response Time. The motion requests that we adopt the specified

procedural schedule including the proposed hearing date.

5. Good cause having been stated, we grant the motion: the hearing on the

application will be conducted on March 11, 2004; answer testimony shall be filed on or before

February 26, 2004; response time to audit and discovery shall be three business days; and

response time to motions to compel and motions in limine shall be three business days.

II. ORDER

**A.** The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion to Adopt Agreed Procedural Schedule and for Waiver of Response

Time by Public Service Company of Colorado is granted. Hearing in this matter will be

conducted at the following time and place:

DATE: March 11, 2004

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room A

1580 Logan Street, Office Level 2

Denver, Colorado

2. Answer testimony shall be filed on or before February 26, 2004.

3. Response time to audit and discovery is shortened to three business days.

4. Response time to motions to compel and motions in *limine* is shortened to three

business days.

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- 5. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.
- B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING February 18, 2004.

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